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Operations Summary No. 00202. 64th IAK Headquarters Antung. 20 July 1952. 2400 hrs. Map scale 1:500,000, 1941.

I.

On 20 July 1952, the Corps' aircraft and air defense assets protected the Supun hydro-electric plant, railroad bridges, airfields in the Antung region, the city of Mukden, industrial targets in the Mukden area, and North Korean communication lines.

1. During the day, air units conducted 98 combat sorties for a total flying time of 82 hours 27 minutes. Enemy fighters were engaged in four air battles, three in squadron strength and one by a single pair. Three F-86's were apparently shot down ~~and one F-86 damaged~~.

Rounds expended: 149 N-37 and 652 NS-23. External fuel tanks jettisoned: 194. One MiG-15 was damaged in the air battle (seven bullet holes in the plane's fuselage).

2. One MiG-15 flew at night for a flight time of 0 hours 44 minutes. The enemy was not engaged.

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3. Enemy aircraft did not enter the anti-aircraft zone of fire.

II.

1 The 97th IAD conducted 22 combat sorties for a combined flight time of 17 hrs 45 min. External fuel tanks jettisoned: 44. The enemy was not engaged.

2. The 190th IAD conducted 24 combat sorties for a combined flight time of 20 hours 27 minutes. Enemy fighters were engaged once at squadron strength. One F-86 was shot down. Rounds expended: 68 N-37 and 260 NS-23. External fuel tanks: jettisoned: 48. There were no friendly losses.

3. The 133rd IAD conducted 53 combat sorties for a combined flight time of 44 hrs 59 min, 0 hrs 44 min of which were logged by a single MiG-15 night flight. Enemy fighters were engaged three times during the day, two at squadron strength and one by a single pair. Two F-86's were apparently shot down ~~and one F-86 damaged~~. Rounds expended: 18 N-37 and 392 NS-23. External fuel tanks jettisoned: 102 . One MiG-15 was damaged in the battle.

4. The 351st IAP did not conduct any flights, but was on airfield standby in readiness levels 1-3.

5. The 32nd IAP conducted ground training.

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The 726th IAP, 30 MiG-15's led by Lieutenant Colonel Erko, remained on airfield stand by in readiness level 1. They had hoped to assemble a sufficiently large force of MiG-15's to combat F-86's in case of a surprise attack by low-flying ground attack aircraft.

From 1604-1620 hrs, the 415th IAP, flying at an altitude of 8,000 - 10,000 meters over the Sinuiju and Sakusyu in two squadrons and one single pair, engaged a total of twenty F-86's in separate groups of two, four, and eight. The battles were conducted using vertical maneuvers. Eight pilots fired on the enemy. According to the pilots and gun camera data, Sr. Lt. Lepikov shot down one F-86 and Senior Lieutenant Danilov ~~damaged~~ shot down one F-86. A search party was sent out to look for the downed aircraft.

From 1612-1620 hrs, Major Zabelin's group (the 256th IAP), flying at an altitude of 7,000 - 13,000 meters over the Uiju-Bikhen region, engaged a total of twenty four F-86's in separate groups of four. The battles were conducted using vertical maneuvers. Two pilots fired on the enemy. Major Zabelin shot down one F-86 E, ~~No. 15/24-00-1, which crashed 12 kilometers southeast of Sinanju. The pilot ejected and was captured by Korean authorities.~~

The remainder of our fighters were unable to engage the enemy because they always fled southward. According to radio intercept, one F-86 withdrew due to worsening weather conditions in the Suwon-Kimpo region.

Enemy fighters did not engage our aircraft in live combat, with the bulk of their forces (up to 40 F-86's) remaining over the bay, not approaching the coast ~~according to radar~~. Individual groups of F-86's that strayed over dry land were quickly attacked by our fighters.

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2. From 1542-1624 hrs 82 enemy fighters attacked. During the rest of the day, individual groups of 2, 4 and 8 aircraft were active south of P'yongyang. Two groups of two and four F-86's flew reconnaissance missions over the following routes: Kosyu-Ryugampo-Syukusen-Kakuzan; Kosyu-P'yongyang-Khakusen-Kanko.

In all, Corps' RTS noted 142 fighter fly-bys, 84 of which were north of the P'yongyang/Genzan border.

V.

Two of the three F-86's shot down on 20 July 1952 were found. The pilot of the F-86 E No. 15/24-00-1 was killed and the aircraft was completely destroyed. The pilot of the second aircraft, First Lieutenant John Ellis of the 336th Air Squadron, 4th Air Group, was taken prisoner. The third aircraft is still being searched for.

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